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My Dear Secretary Shalala:

I have been reading recently about possible plans to stop the need to label our foods that have been treated with radiation. The fact that it would even be considered is scary to me.

I'm aware that the Food and Drug Administration has approved food irradiation as an additive but the danger that it causes chemical changes in food keep cropping up. I've read recently that irradiation kills the bacteria that ~~that~~ can make food smell when it is spoiled.

I'm an elderly lady - nearly 80 - and could dismiss the entire problem I suppose. But I have a grandchild and hope to have one or two more. We owe it to all future young Americans to give them an America as safe as we can possibly make it.

Do whatever you can my dear.

Sincerely,

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PS: May you and all your
beloveds have a truly
wonderful Christmas!

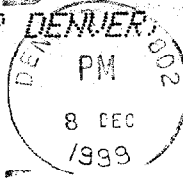
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